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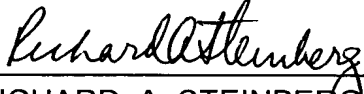
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INDEP.	1	–	3	=	0	X \$	84.00	=	\$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$	280.00	=	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE								\$	0.00
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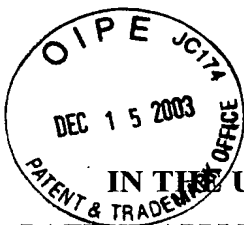
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In re PATENT APPLICATION OF Confirmation No.: 9025
BOSMAN, et al Group Art Unit: 1764
Appln. No.: 09/680,308 Examiner: GRIFFEN, W. D.
Filed: October 6, 2000 Atty Dkt. No.: 030268/0274361
Title: PROCESS FOR THE HYDROGENATION OF PHENYL ACETYLENE IN A
STYRENE-CONTAINING MEDIUM WITH THE AID OF A CATALYST

December 15, 2003

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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, please reconsider the application in view of the following Remarks.

- There are no amendments to the Specification;
- There are no amendments to the Claims and
- Remarks and arguments follow.